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Reply To
Attn Of: HW-113

August 30, 1990

David B. Jensen, P.E., Section Head
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PV-11
Washington Department of Ecology
Olympia, Washington 98504-8711

Re: Colbert Landfill - Community Relations

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Based on the several discussions, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have reached agreement on the roles and responsibilities for the Community Relations activities at the Colbert Landfill Superfund site. We appreciate your effort to help resolve the program problems that were being felt by our staffs. This is a very active community and we believe that this decision will continue to foster community/agency interactions that will prove beneficial to both of us.

This decision designated the lead agency for the Community Relations activities at Colbert as EPA. This designation is now in effect and will be evaluated for possible revisions in a year. To aid in the transition of the lead from Ecology to EPA, two conditions are included:

1. Two activities that have been started by Ecology will be completed. Ecology will complete the revision of the Revised Colbert Community Relations Plan, and Ecology will write the initial draft of the next Fact Sheet. EPA has agreed to assist Ecology with the completion of these two documents. The program staff will work out the schedule and details to get these actions completed in a timely manner.
2. Ecology has a concern that EPA will have early FY 91 resource and funding problems that may adversely effect the ability of EPA to perform as the lead agency. Although EPA does not anticipate such a significant resource constraint, EPA has agreed to designate Ecology as the lead during the month of October, 1990, should resources be identified as a problem. The final decision will be made at the end of September.

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There is a lot of work for both agencies to do at this site to get it through the design and construction phases. It is important to maximize our collective resources.

Please let me know immediately if this does not reflect the decision that was made. We have already informed our Community Relations Program of this decision so that the ongoing work can be completed.

Sincerely,

/s/

Philip G. Millam, Chief
Superfund Branch

cc: Spokane Co.